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**Preliminary Thanksgiving Weekend Enforcement Results - 56 Arrested  
for DUI**

**Dover** – Fifty-six (56) people were arrested over the Thanksgiving weekend for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs according to preliminary reports from state and local law enforcement agencies. Officers statewide conducted a combination of sobriety checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols in conjunction with the launch of the Office of Highway Safety's (OHS's) Safe Family Holiday campaign, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Of the 56 DUI arrests, 13 were made during saturation patrols and the remaining 43 occurred at checkpoints. Officers with the New Castle County DUI Task Force arrested 29 individuals for DUI at a sobriety checkpoint on Thanksgiving eve and Delaware State Police Troopers, who conducted three checkpoints the same night, and two more over the holiday weekend arrested 14 more drivers for the offense.

In addition to the weekend's DUI arrests, officers issued 2 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 10 wanted individuals, made 8 drug arrests, 16 felony arrests, issued 20 seat belt citations, 4 child restraint citation, and 67 citations for various other traffic violations.

Three sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for the coming weekend (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>):

Friday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> -                NcCo - NcCo DUI Task Force  
   Woodside - DSP Troop 3

Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> –        Dover – Dover Police Dept.

Over the holiday weekend, Delaware State Police in partnership with the Office of Highway Safety conducted an enforcement blitz which included not only DUI Saturation patrols, but also patrols for speeding, aggressive and unbelted motorists. Results from this initiative will be available by the end of the week.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve and involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities. For campaign updates please visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on the Safe Family Holiday campaign icon in the center of the page.

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